



# SHORT LETTERS

Richmond, Ind.—Enclosed you will find an express money order for two dollars for which you will please give us credit for postal cards you sent us last winter. We will not be sending any cards that we have on hand with names of persons we think will appreciate the grand little paper and send them to your office. We would have sent the money sooner but we met with financial reverses. Thanking you for your faith in us we are yours for success.—MARGARET COPPOCK.

New Sharon, Iowa.—Enclosed ten cents for blades of July 2nd. There was a woman who came home from church, near Peoria, last Sunday, by the name of Voss. A tree blew on her after she got out of the buggy. It took twelve men a half hour to get her from under the tree. She is badly hurt—three ribs and collar bone broken and has lost her sight but is not dead yet.—DR. J. M. WOOD.

New York City.—Enclosed find \$1.00 for the Blade which you have so kindly sent me since September 4th. This is the first money I have had to spare. I wish I could send you more to help you along in your good work. I am anxious for Dr. Wilson to get away to Rome. I find a lot of good things in the Blade, although I am a Spiritualist and disagree in some things. You call a spade a spade, and are doing all the good you can. No one can do any more to his best. Long may you live to enlighten humanity.—MRS. GRACE PHELPS BEST.

Washington, D. C.—The more I read the Blade the better I like it—mostly due to its plain frankness of expressing things. I like to hear men and women say what they have to say without any unnecessary amount of frills. A friend of mine once said, after reading a copy of the Blade, "It is too much of a knock-out." But that is what counts. There is one consolation in knocking, especially when you are using an up-to-date steam hammer of truth, which hammers out more truth than the little old-fashioned superstitions have been using these years. Of course we must be able to do what we can.

Every American citizen should read what Bro. Wilson says about Satolli, the Pals, Teddy and the rest of the crooked gang. I have circulated that copy of the Blade until it is almost worn out, and in every case it has performed its mission. So much for the Blade. A friend of mine once said he would knock some of my funny ideas out of my head—alluding to my Infidelity—As I was a Catholic, but when I succeeded in showing him that his beloved Jesus had several brothers and sisters, he came to the conclusion that Jesus could not be God's only begotten son, and thus I made a good Infidel. As this stuff does not interest you and I must leave Dog Fennel I send \$1.00.—PROF. J. W. HUDLOW.

Denton, Texas.—I enclose you a copy of my latest booklet entitled "Wads of Wisdom," etc., which I ask you to accept with my best wishes. I call your attention to a few of my remarks on pages 6, 7, 8, and 9, also some statistics on page 15. I also enclose you some clippings from our local papers and can say that I was personally acquainted with the young lady of this city whom this Rev. Baker married here some years ago. I hope to meet you in St. Louis in October, but as I am an invalid and very poor there is nothing certain about my being there. I am a reader of the Blue Grass Blade and hope to see its circulation reach the 10,000 mark before many moons.—ROBT. G. WRIGHT.

New York, N. Y.—Enclosed find \$2 for the Wilson Rome Fund. If there is a book published I should like to have one, but this money goes toward expenses, books or books. Please acknowledge through the Blade. I would like for you to answer the following questions through the Blade. Why call Jefferson an Infidel? In what part of the Bible can I find about burning witches, and about "drink and get drunk" and about horses in heaven.—JAMES KENNEDY.

Comment—We call Jefferson an Infidel because he was an Infidel as his writings show.

The Bible no where says we must burn witches, but says we must kill them in Exodus xlii. 18, and it is said there are horses in heaven in Revelation xix. 14.

Snepton, Wash.—Enclosed find \$1.00. You are doing fine. It does beat all how the sky-pilots are cutting up this warm weather. I see by the Blade and

other papers too that the preachers are getting ashamed of their calling. It seems to me that any man would blush to be called a preacher. I know of no man except the preachers who lead the ignorant and trusting multitudes that these leeches are having their say to, every Sunday, and it makes my blood boil to think of all the poor innocent children that all the false preachers are permitted to associate with. I would put a sudden stop to all that. If I could, you may be sure. Hoping you may live many years yet and wishing the Blade great success, I am respectfully—A. O. NELSON.

Hooresville, Pa.—Enclosed \$2—one for Blade and one for Dr. Wilson's book on the Rome Congress. If you and Rev. Wilkinson have any more to say, please say it. I am sure you will find him a little easily—always trying to twist around and slip through your fingers: an artful dodger.

Our good old Brother Moore can't wear other than Democratic glasses. Can't you debate with Rev. W. in some paper of his selection and copy it in the Blade.—R. L. NOEL.

Lonohe, Ark.—This is my 73rd birthday. The Bible says "The wicked shall not live out half his days." This can't be true or the late convention in St. Louis could not have gotten a quorum. Should W. J. Bryan ignore all those grand principles of democracy, those lofty sentiments which have made his great and loved from sea to sea and attempt to speak for plutocracy, now led by Judge Parker, I hope some one will whisper the words in his off ear when he closes Parker's telegram just knocked the breath out of the Democratic party. Whether it will ever regain consciousness is a question. Just now it looks like a walk-over. Plutocracy need not expend a dollar—they win in either case. They have the government by the throat. For twelve years the B. G. Blade has been a weekly visitor in my house. Like Kentucky whiskey it grows better with age. As I don't drink whiskey I cannot speak from experience. A few copies left lying on the center table are a sure preventive against Methodist preachers eating up all my wife's surplus checks. It would keep house without it but won't until we have to. Some times I think I am hard on Socialists. May you need some heavy pills or the heavy cyclone that

My eyes. I am a poor man taking court and giving the well heeled the grand bonnet all the while. Socialism appears to be an ideal condition. Crude, it may be, in some respects, yet it shows an earnest honest effort toward human betterment—as such I bid it speed. Just how it can be made practical is beyond my comprehension. What does Bryan mean by his words as reported in the Republic, "Shall we be compelled to choose between a god of war and a god of gold?" I have a great deal of confidence in Bro. Moore's ability to explain things. Hope he will draw a bead on that sentence. I was educated for the ministry but it was a misfit—have taught school and run a newspaper, but I confess frankly that sentence knocks me out, taking into consideration surroundings when uttered. As you said I hope it don't mean anything bad. A nice Catholic lady in St. Louis is trying to convert me to her faith. Won't she have a time to do it after I have read the Blade twelve years? It would be about as easy to remove mountains and uproot sycamore trees by faith as to get a set of "believe or be d-d" harness on me.

Am too poor to risk subscribing for Dr. Wilson's book—want it badly and will buy one if I can. How I should like to accompany the Doctor, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Closs to the Rome Congress. To me it would be an intellectual feast from start to finish. Now, Bro. Moore, if the spirit moves you to print any, or all of this, do not allow excessive modesty to deter—A. B. BARRETT.

New Baltimore, Pa.—I have often wanted to send the dollar for the Blade for another year and will put it off no longer. You will find enclosed and also some literature which was sent to me through the kindness of T. A. Moore, Meriden, Conn., which please return when you print it in the Blade. I feel flattered by your sending me the Blade in advance. Never stop the Blade on me unless I notify you. I could not hold my own without it. The Christians and church members around here judge me as a blasphemous infidel. I send you, but honest kind and wise actions will prove to them that we Infidels are not a bad class of people or a bad religion. I hope the literature will arouse some Blade reader and start a debate with you in the knee-deep Blade for that makes it interesting and opens the eyes of more Christians than any

thing else. They all think they will go to heaven after death, but I think they had better get divorced while they are in time. Wishing you and Bro. Hughes success, I remain yours for Free thought.—CHAS. H. FELTON.

Marston, Mont.—I have come again for a little chat with your great heart and brain. It is a sad and awful thing to live close to a saboteur and see those who I thought were men made brutish by drinking whisky—some with beautiful wives and living, trusting little ones. I send you a little poem by some of those who are drunk on the drinking stuff. He is my brother-in-law. A better man does not live when he is sober, but he drove his wife from him and the little boy and girl went with the mother. I am sure I cannot send you some new subscribers, but I enclosed find a wheel to help roll along the Blade. I have read Dog Fennel. It is both instructive and funny. It makes me sad to think that you are growing old and that you are short to do much good in, but if we all do what we think is our duty the world will be made better for our having lived in it.—OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Washington, D. C.—I send enclosed \$1 to apply on subscription to the breezy Blue Grass Blade. Our editor and X. D. D. was in fine feather in the week's issue. The old man is as sound as (gold) dollar on religion, spiritualism and socialism, the three giant humbugs of the day. He is in his element when he is discussing those questions—gets at the marrow in the bone—can't be refuted. The truth is what we are after and I say hit the humbugs hard and often. Dr. Wilson paid him a high compliment, some time back, when the only answer he could make was editor's criticism. His article on socialism was "It was d-d bad it was good." When the doctor is run up a tree in that fashion there must be some thing "rotten in Denmark," the cause he advocates.—Win. T. WHITE.

Bowles, Ind. Ter.—I do not think that your answer to O. H. Stone's article on Socialism is quite as keeping with your reputation to others as it is entirely fair when you opened the columns of the Blade to the discussion of politics. We Socialists do not object to your views on politics so long as we are not forced to adopt them. You say that there is not a Socialist in the

those that are either unable or unable to understand. I shall, if possible, make it still clearer. Suppose that I am an atheist. Do you believe that there is a God? I should answer and truly, that I do not, and give my reasons for not believing. That so far as I know—bear that in mind—not only all the other things shall be added into you—that's food rained, and that being the case, I can't see that there is any room for a God. But, on the other hand, I was asked this question: Are you absolutely sure that there is no God? I should, in answer to this question, have to answer in the negative. Why? Because there are a few things that I don't know and we can't truthfully say that we know about things of which we have no knowledge you see. There is a class that gets something for nothing now and it is not the Socialists, not the working class. The Socialists propose that every abled man shall produce an equivalent for what he gets or he will get nothing. Your statement that Christianity and Socialism are just alike, or words to that effect, is evidently not founded on fact. Christ says "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all the other things shall be added into you"—that's food rained, and the Socialist on the other hand, says Seek first the things that will give you food, clothing and shelter—in other words give us an environment fit for human beings—and the "other things shall be added unto you." That's all right? Socialists papers don't claim to advocate infidelity. They probably recognize that there is a cause for religion feeds insurance, it is equally true that poverty, in the main, is caused by the competitive or profit system, which enables the idler (by rent, interest and profit) to rob the laborer of the greater portion of his product, thus often forcing his children and even his wife to slave away their lives in the mills and factories of the nation, in order to help get the necessities of life. The problem is a day and still get a good education? We must also remember that so long as it is to the material interest of people to engage in preaching, there will always be some who will preach. So long as one uses religion as a whip and another uses it as a shield, there is small chance of doing away with it, except by the rational method of removing the cause. Eliminate the

but we aim to do this by getting the consent of the majority of the voters. Those millionaire friends of yours may be good men, but if they had not been in a position to command labor they might now be in a paupers grave. The fact that they have become millionaires proves to me that they have not paid labor its just reward. The fact that a man discovers or takes by force one of the natural sources of wealth does not make his title just. Claims are unjust to the rest of society. What if I should discover your farm and it just exactly suited me, would my claim to it be just? If force can make a man's title good I'd like to try some Kentucky Colonel in a regular ruff to tumble fight for a good Blue Grass farm I'm not going to try to answer the entire letter for I guess Mr. Stone can take care of himself. I like the Blade as an Infidel paper better than I do as a Socialist paper. I like the editor as a man and an Infidel, but as a Socialist he's no good. Every man should have the full product of his labor. He that takes more is a slave; he that takes more is a thief. Yours in all things right.—B. P. PARDEE.

Baring, Wash.—In answer to your criticism of my article in the Blade I beg leave to submit the following: I will preface by saying that when I use the word "right" it does not necessarily mean "legal." There is often a great difference between legality and honesty. I hope that we are discussing principles, systems and laws, and not individuals. That we use individuals merely to illustrate the workings of certain laws and systems. Principles have a persistency, a stability that is sadly lacking in the individual. I might—and many would say justly—reproach you for your unfairness, your illiberality and your limiting personalities, but I shall refrain from doing so, as I never could see that vituperation and argument were synonymous terms.

Regarding your first fling, about my not sending any money with my article, I will state, that I certainly pay for the Socialist publications that I am taking, and was not aware that the Blade was sent to me gratis. But I would suggest that before throwing any slurs you look up my account on the books at the law office, and you have found out how much I owe you, kindly send it by your bill and I shall be glad to pay you.

The way you pick out the sentence about my being an Atheist, etc., is so manifestly in view of your article in the Blade, that I cannot but think

that I have lived the only way that a man can live honestly, namely, by my own labor, and I started in when I was about fourteen years old. I am working at present in a stone-quarry. If you want to know anything more about my status as a laborer I shall be delighted to accommodate you. I submit that my questions relative to environment were relevant in the highest degree, as tending to bring out what environment really will do. As for my unnecessary "etc.," although an oversight on my part, it can in no way obscure the meaning, because grammar is not the subject under discussion anyway.

Your statement that "We always had millionaires and paupers and always will have," is childish to say the least. I might as well state that we always had religion and churches, and always will have, so what is the use of trying to do away with religion?

You say that "competition in all departments is exactly what is needed and there can be no material prosperity without it." Will you kindly explain to the Blade readers why the great trusts are combines, that are run on the co-operative plan, so far as the work goes, are so much more successful in business than the small business man? If competition is the life of trade, I should think the small "try" would get plenty of it, in competing with the trusts? In the trust we have co-operation of the great mass of the people for the benefit of a few individuals that mostly do no work whatever. The Socialist propose to operate it in the interest of the producers—in other words own the trust, not being owned by it.

What you say about inventors, "that they are the benefactors of the world," is equally true. Inventors certainly are producers—workers—and I believe they are so-called. They certainly are not Socialists. But there are many who claim to be taken into consideration in this connection. It is a well known fact that brains don't work very good on empty stomachs and it requires products of labor in the shape of food, and most places clothing and shelter, to overcome this difficulty, to say nothing about tools, which are likewise products of labor. Thoughts are great, if backed by effort, that is, labor.

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bread and butter question from religion by abolishing the profit system, then if there is any good in it, it will survive on its merit and what it had will die a natural death. You are a farmer. Suppose that you have some noxious weeds in your field, some that are a menace to life, if I may use the term, would you merely cut them off, thus dealing with effects only, or would you dig them out and root them out? I see no reason why you should not. If you should not be credited, if his speech deserves it. The churches have evidently failed to gain control of the whole supply of bigotry. You say that you work as a farmer and I have no reason to doubt it, and you are certainly entitled to the full product of your labor. You have a perfect right to the land that you work on, providing, however, that in so owning the land you are not interfering on the natural rights of others to do likewise, if they want to—that is, to make a living on the same land. If they couldn't do that, they would not have equal rights don't you see.

If we admit the principle of equal rights, we must also admit that the coming generation has the same rights as the present generation. Don't you think that it would be rather embarrassing for those that cannot see, to find when they were going to exercise "their" equal rights, that we have already taken possession? A view of these facts, it will readily be seen that justice, equal rights and equal opportunities are important principles of realization under a system of private ownership.

Regarding your suggestion that I go to work, I will say for the information of all concerned that when I expect the four years that I served our noble Sam Houston—the late Governor of Texas—I have lived the only way that a man can live honestly, namely, by my own labor, and I started in when I was about fourteen years old. I am working at present in a stone-quarry. If you want to know anything more about my status as a laborer I shall be delighted to accommodate you.

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## CHILDREN

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—TWENTY-ONE OF SUNDAY  
SCHOOL PARTY KILLED  
70 THRU IN WRECK  
NEAR CHICAGO

SANG HYMNS BEFORE CRASH

Chicago, July 14.—Twenty-one members of the Sunday-school of Doremus Congregational church, Thirty-first and Butler streets, went to death with joy in their hearts and a hymn on their lips last evening, while 70 persons, mostly children, members of the same Sunday-school, were mangled and mangled in a collision on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois high way, between Chicago Heights and Glenwood, 25 miles from Chicago. Yesterday was the annual picnic of the Sunday-school and hundreds of children, with their parents and friends, had gone to the picnic grounds at Monmouth, Ill., for the day. The picnic was over and the train was on the return to Chicago when the accident occurred.

The children in the first coach of the train were singing as it passed Chicago Heights, 23 miles from Chicago. Two miles further on the singing was hushed in death for many and in cries of pain for 70 others.

The collision occurred between a picnic train from Chicago which was returning from Monmouth, Ill., and a freight train, into the rear end of which the excursion dished at high speed. The picnic train was coming north and the freight was on the south-bound track.

If there is any God he certainly must have a special spite against Sunday-school children and their teachers. In the frolics theater God burned up 600 people most children and some preachers that were with them. On the "General Slocum" God burnt to death and drowned 1021 people nearly all Sunday-school children and their teachers, and now, at Chicago, God has killed 20 Sunday-school children and wounded 70 more. And yet grown up fools and hypocrites teach children to worship that God.

### FROM A SOCIALIST.

Lokena, Okla., July 12, 1904.  
Mr. Charles C. Moore:  
I will take the liberty to write you a few lines, as I would like for you to know a little about how I feel toward you.

I am a regular reader of the Blade. You have not put my name on your subscription list but I am paying for it. A friend of mine was getting two copies. I was going to subscribe. He told me I could have one of his copies so I paid him for it. I expected to continue it in my name while the time was up, but since I read J. W. Sawyer's letter and your answer to it, and a similar one a few issues back from a lady, and the other fellows answer, I will have enough of it when my time is out if you keep your vicious against Socialism. I am not a chronic Socialist. I don't endorse all their doctrines but I think most of it is all right.

I try to be a Liberal as near as I

can and investigate all sides of any subject and I don't think you do. I think you are a little crony on your subjects.

I ordered Doug Fennel from you last winter and read it and liked it fine. I would like to have one of Dr. Wilson's books, but I am a poor devil and don't see how I am to spare the spindly just now but think I will order one a little later on.

I am a farmer as you say you are. I am in a new country. I am living and trying to improve my place at the same time, so you see I have not many extra dollars to throw at the birds.

You can see I am not up on grammar and, as you will say, written in a very poor hand and had form and with little sense to it, but I hope you will be wise enough to catch the idea.

I remain yours for Justice,  
A. J. BEALMEAR.

You are like a great many others, you manage to read the Blade without paying the Blade for it. Like a great many you were just going to pay for the Blade when you saw something that kept you from it. That is one of the commonest old gas that fellows write to newspapers. If you could not raise a dollar to pay Dr. Wilson, a Socialist, for his book, it is not probable that you would pay me for the Blade.

## FORGERY

CHARGE PREFERRED AGAINST  
MORRIS G. VANARSALL.

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Recently Served Out Term in the Penitentiary.

(From Courier-Journal).  
Lexington, Ky., July 15.—Detective Dennis Hays, of this city, left tonight for Cincinnati, to get Morris G. Vanarsall, of Harrodsburg, who is under arrest in the Queen City on the charge of forgery. Vanarsall is just out of the penitentiary, having been sent up from this city last April a year ago for securing money by false pretenses from ministers. The Rev. Edwin Muller, of this city, conducted the prosecution, although a number of Lexington ministers were victims of his scheme, which was to ask them for a small amount of money as a favor to his uncle, a prominent minister of Harrodsburg. Finally the Harrodsburg minister was appealed to and said he and the rest of the family of the young man had long since disowned him, and it would be a favor to them if he were prosecuted and sent to the penitentiary. Dr. Muller therefore undertook and secured his conviction. By good behavior he succeeded in cutting four months off his time. He had no sooner been freed than he forged the name of Hon. Willard Mitchell, of Harrodsburg, to a check for a sum of money. While living off the generosity of the preachers in this city, Vanarsall married Carrie Hatti, a Louisville girl, the daughter of a photographer of the Falls city.

National Liberal Party will meet in St. Louis on October 15, 16 and 17th. From present indications the Na-

## ECCLIESIASTICAL BOYCOTTERS

The self glorified preachers of Harrodsburg, Md., are congratulating themselves because a couple who desired to marry could not get married in Harrodsburg on account of the preachers banding together and refusing to do the marriage act where either party has been divorced. Under the law of Maryland the ministers have a monopoly of the marriage ceremony. They are, in effect, quasi officials of the State, and under oath and obligation to perform the marriage ceremony when called upon, provided the candidates are equalized by age and color. The State by giving divorce to certain persons makes them legally entitled to remarry and a refusal to act in the capacity of knot tier is apparently an expression of contempt of court and law, and it does not by any one else would result in prosecution. The people or that portion of the people who think should refuse to contribute to such churches as sanction such dishonesty on the part of "hypocrites" shepherds. There are two sides to every question. To this one there is the honest side and the dishonest side. When a man who has a modicum of honor in his composition offers or agrees to perform a service or to hold himself ready to perform one and then finds that he can not come up to the contract, he should give up his job, allow some one better fitted to do the work, and stand in the way of others and set the dog in the manger may conform to ecclesiastical usages but falls short of every day decency. Most all divorces are granted to persons who have been joined by the regularly ordained ministers of Christ and if the spirit of Christ is too weak to sustain the beneficiary of that rite, the fault lies with religion and not with the people. Every divorce granted is an evidence of religious failure. The attempt to frustrate the failure, that calls for derision will only make matters worse. The preachers are between the devil and the deep blue sea on the divorce question and they can not swim so the devil will get them. King George III undertook to interfere with the rights and privileges of our granddads and raised more hell than he could accommodate and the ministers of the United States of America will meet with a Tea Party who will dump the whole ecclesiastical machine with humbug attachments overboard some fine day. If the preachers can openly defy the law, why can not others? They say that no fresh blood salt water will do good. Marriage is a lawful regulation of a very natural function and that regulation should be as elastic as possible, in order to prevent illegal exercise of the act regulated. If a man should marry a score of wives one at a time and be legally separated from each, the law recognizes the legality of each marriage and the people recognize the legitimacy of both wedlocks and the offspring thereof. It is a lock and the offspring thereof suits the participants. Some women are very particular concerning their husbands and the choice thereof. They try one and find that he does not measure up to the ideal and thereupon become dissatisfied. And who can live in amity with a dissatisfied woman? They have the same trouble in selecting cooks and housemaids. Would any sane person expect to be to happy with an unsuitable partner and pass the shifting of coals over in silence? The choice of a husband is a more important matter than the selection of a cook.

The continual treading on air and breathing the rarified air of spirituality unites the ministers of Christ for pronouncing judgment upon worldly people. The man with his head in the clouds and his mind set upon celestial matters, is too ethereal to mix with mundane affairs. He knows that every inch of heaven's streets are paved with 24 karat gold and the dome is heavily plated with radium at \$1,000,000 per pound, but he does not know that he is a confirmed nuisance on earth. He knows that hell is pitched inside and outside with pitch, but he does not know that a pulpit is a green-goods counter, or if he does he plays ignorance. He pretends not to know the holy Bible is a "gold brick" of the first water.

St. Paul said that adultery on the part of the wife should be the only justification for a man in divorcing his wife. He does not say that a woman divorcing her husband in Paul's time and was played to the limit. The good saint said: "He who marries does well, but he who does not marry does better." Did he mean to teach a form of race suicide?

Christ and Paul were straw men set up like Indian idols and made to say just what the priesthood wished them to say. They were moulded into ideals and very poor ones at that. The evidence is abundant that either ever lived in the flesh. The "credible" witnesses adduced are also made of straw. All the confirmation of the Christ story comes "with confirmation

strong as holy writ" and no stronger. The fact that Josephus ignores Mr. Jesus Christ, shows that he did not exist or was of so obscure a person that Josephus did not think it worth while introducing him to the Greeks. If he ever heard of Christ's raising the dead and raising hell in general, he passed the matter over in silence. Josephus appears to have been a careful historian and would have delighted in introducing a Son of God to the Greeks if he had ever met with him. The preachers had the call of that boy out of a q. q. or the church will be boy out soon. JOHN F. CLARKE.  
Arlington, Md.

## ROME CONGRESS FUND

It is the desire that Dr. J. B. Wilson represent American Free thought at the World's Congress of Free thinkers to be held in Rome, Italy, next September. Dr. Wilson is president of the National Liberal Party and is eminently qualified to participate in the deliberations at the Congress. On his return from Rome the Doctor will write a book embracing his experience and proceedings of the Congress, and it is needless to speak of the Doctor's veracity and ability to write such a book.

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### SCANDAL IN SOCIETY.

Grayville, Ill., Man Sues a Doctor for the Alienation of the Affection of His Wife.

Carmi, Ill., July 14.—Suit for \$50,000 has been filed here by John Brechner, Jr., of Grayville, Ill., against Dr. L. A. Glaze for the alienation of his wife's affections. Dr. Glaze and the Brechners are among the most prominent people at Grayville and have resided there for many years. Mrs. Brechner is 25 years old, pretty and moves in the best society. She has a 50 years old, was the family physician of the Brechners for five years.

Dr. Glaze and Mrs. Brechner are prominent members of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church of Grayville. The case has been set down for trial during the October term of court.

### WASH AWAY SINS.

WOMEN REMOVED THEIR VALUABLES AND SURRENDERED THEM TO EVANGELIST AT A HOLINESS MEETING.

Attleboro, Mass., July 11th.—Religious frenzy characterized the closing sessions of a holiness camp meeting at Hebronville Saturday. The afternoon and evening meetings were addressed by Edward A. Ferguson, an evangelist, and he painted such a word picture of the sins of his auditors, of the terrible future which will be theirs if they do not give up their worldly ways, their gold and diamonds that his words were taken literally by many present.

Women removed their watches and their rings, sobbing as they did so; crying that they were poor, miserable sinners, they placed them at the appointed place for receiving sufferings, hostler for Attleboro manufacturer gave \$50. Women jumped and shouted, and so did men.

### EPHRAIM PORTER DIES REFUSING MEDICAL ATTENTION.

(From Lexington Democrat)  
Refusing to the last moment to take one drop of medicine, Ephraim Porter, aged 41, who lived at 22 Breckinridge street, died yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock from intestinal tuberculosis. He is a member of a religious sect called the "Church of God," which teaches that the sick should be healed by faith and the laying on of hands.

Mr. Porter was a teamster who came to Lexington from Camargo, in Montgomery county, nine months ago, and has been ill nearly every day since he and his family came to Lexington. He was advised by his neighbors when first taken ill to go to a physician and be treated, but he steadfastly refused to take their advice and continued to grow worse until he became bed-ridden.

His wife and family were urged to send for a physician but they being of the same religious faith as Mr. Porter steadfastly refused.

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"Ever since I have been a prisoner said he, 'I have been reading my Bible, I have read it from 1st to 11th the New Testament I have through twice. I feel now as if I want to make my peace with God and am going to join the church. I am innocent of the crime I was charged with and I want to let the good people of Lexington know that I have hopes of heaven.'"—Lexington Leader.

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